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DEPARTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR PICKERING AND NEA/ARN

AT OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 13

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, JO (HUSSEIN, KING)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT

REF: STATE 084086

1. CONVEYED PROPOSED WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT OF
KING HUSSEIN VISIT TO PRIME MINISTER RIFAI ON APRIL 12.

2. PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE CHANGE TO
THE TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT. HE OFFERS US TWO
OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM. OPTION 1 (WHICH GOJ PREFERS)
WOULD ADD AT BEGINNING OF STATEMENT: "ON THE INVITATION
OF PRESIDENT FORD. . .". PM RIFAI RECALLED THAT THIS
WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE
STATEMENT AT AMMAN AIRPORT ON MARCH 16 (AMMAN 1789):
"ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD, I INVITED HIS MAJESTY TO
PAY A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS THE END OF
APRIL AND HIS MAJESTY ACCEPTED."

3. SECOND OPTION SUBMITTED BY PM RIFAI WOULD
BE TO CHANGE FIRST SENTENCE TO READ: "HIS MAJESTY
KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN WILL VISIT THE U.S. BEGINNING
LATE THIS MONTH." THIS WOULD DELETE "MAKE A PRIVATE
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VISIT" FROM PROPOSED WHITE HOUSE TEXT.

4. OTHER SUGGESTED REVISION MADE BY PRIME MINISTER
WAS THAT WHITE HOUSE HOLD OFF ON MAKING ANNOUNCEMENT
UNTIL APRIL 24. INASMUCH AS KING HUSSEIN WILL START
VISIT TO FRANCE ON APRIL 24, GOJ WOULD PREFER TO HAVE
U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT NOT MADE BEFORE APRIL 24.

5. PM RIFAI ASKED THAT WE ADVISE HIM OF ACCEPTABILITY
OF HIS PROPOSED CHANGES.

6. REGARDING SECOND SENTENCE OF TEXT, WE ASSUME "STAG
WORKING DINNER" IS THREE WORDS RATHER TWO WORDS
"STAGWORKING DINNER" AS RECEIVED IN REFTEL.
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